

REMARKS

The Final Official Action mailed October 1, 2008, and the Advisory Action mailed January 28, 2009, have been received and their contents carefully noted. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Two Month Extension of Time*, which extends the shortened statutory period for response to March 1, 2009. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on February 25, 2005; August 4, 2005; February 3, 2006; July 28, 2006; April 19, 2007; and October 19, 2007.

Claims 29-32, 37-40, 45-48, 53-56, 75-92, 111-128, 147-164 and 183-200 are pending in the present application, of which claims 29, 31, 37, 39, 45, 47, 53 and 55 are independent. The Applicant appreciates Examiner Paik's time in conducting a telephonic interview on February 6, 2009. Per agreement reached with the Examiner in the interview, independent claims 29, 31, 37, 39, 45, 47, 53 and 55 have been amended to place the application in condition for allowance. Specifically, agreement was reached that the following amendments would overcome the rejections of record: In claims 29, 31, 37 and 39: "... heating the substrate in a second stage, after the first stage, with a plurality of second light pulses" In claims 45, 47, 53 and 55: "... heating the semiconductor film in a second stage, after the first stage, with a plurality of second light pulses" Also, Mr. Paik agreed that previously withdrawn dependent claims 75-79, 81-88, 90-92, 111-115, 117-124, 126-128, 147-151, 153-160, 162-164, 183-187, 189-196 and 198-200 are eligible for rejoinder as they depend from elected independent claims (see, for example, MPEP §§ 821 and 821.04, Rev. 5, Aug. 2006). Accordingly, 29-32, 37-40, 45-48, 53-56, 75-92, 111-128, 147-164 and 183-200 are pending, elected and believed to be in condition for allowance.

Mr. Paik requested that the Applicant the present *After Final Amendment* including the above-referenced amendments and a brief summary of the interview, and

he agreed to enter the amendment and issue a *Notice of Allowability* subject to an updated search of the prior art.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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